

Coordination, Cooperation and Connectivity IGA – Expanded

Issue:

1. The security and mobility at our borders with Canada affects Michigan and neighboring states and nations.
2. There is a need for one or more new multi modal border crossings in southeast Michigan.
3. Transit agencies are not optimizing the exchange of resources and information for regional transit services.
4. Need to do a better job at accommodating the non driving public.
5. Current system is disconnected and fragmented for transit, particularly paratransit.
6. The connection between public and private customers/providers of transportation has become more complex but uncoordinated.
7. There is an underutilized communication network between Canada and Michigan.
8. Lack of access to information on travel options.
9. Lack of incorporation and use of new technology to make our systems more efficient.

Goals:

1. Coordinate and disseminate public information among local/regional/state agencies throughout the transportation planning, development and implementation process.
2. Maximize border crossing efficiencies through broader partnerships.
3. Define appropriate business community sectors and develop effective means of communicating with them.
4. Fully integrate multi modal transportation (people and freight) into the planning, decision making, and implementation of the transportation system.
5. Encourage MDOT, County Road Association of Michigan, and Michigan Municipal League to continue to work together cooperatively to address mutual issues.
6. Move ahead with the construction of one or more multi modal border crossings between Canada and southeast Michigan.
7. Coordinate a state-wide public information system to provide timely information on transportation options.
8. Incorporate new technology and information into our transportation systems.

Actions:

1. Use already demonstrated planning templates to incorporate all modes of transportation in decision making process.
2. Develop incident management committees in each urbanized area.
3. Identify processes to improve relationships and meaningfully involve business communities in the transportation planning process.
4. Build one or more border crossings in southeast Michigan.
5. Develop a state-wide public information office to coordinate and provide timely information on transportation options.
6. Create incentives for the business and research communities to assist in making our transportation systems more efficient by incorporating new technology and information.